

THE PARISH OF ABBOTS LANGLEY

St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley
with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

17th September 2023

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



TODAY

8.00am Eucharist at
St Lawrence Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Tom Betteridge

9.30am Eucharist at St Lawrence
Church

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Bill Sanderson

Intercessions: Tom Betteridge

11.30am Eucharist at the
Church of the Ascension

**President &
Preacher:** Revd. Peter Waddell

Reader: Wendy Ball

Readings:

Exodus 14: 19 - end (P. 63)

Psalm 137 (P. 588)

Matthew 18: 21 - 35 (P. 19)

Hymns:

569 (v2): Sing Praise to God who Reigns
Above

Psalm 137

393: Brother, sister, let me serve you

603 (v2): Thou hidden source of calm repose

455: Guide me o thou great Redeemer

5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

6.30pm Nameless Youth Group
Breakspear Room

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship today, especially to visitors and newcomers! Do please make yourself known, and stay for refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

If you usually receive communion, you are welcome to do so here regardless of your church background. If for any reason you'd rather not, do come for a blessing instead, bringing the service booklet with you as a sign that's what you'd prefer.



Please tell a welcomer before the service if you would like a gluten-free wafer at communion. There is no obligation to receive the wine if this causes anxiety.

We continue to explore options for resuming our livestreaming service, following the withdrawal of our service provider till now. We hope to recommence in the near future.



For those unable to attend church due to medical reasons, we will be delighted to bring communion to you at home: please do ask!

A T-loop is provided for hearing-aid users.

**Refreshments
will be served in
the Church Hall
after the 9.30am
service.**



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THE PRAYERS AND BIBLE READINGS

COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE NOTES:

Psalms 137, made even more famous than it was by Boney M, is seldom sung in public worship – at least not in its entirety. Looking at the last few verses, it is fairly obvious why! What do we do with the bits of Scripture which are frankly really off putting, even horrendous? If we simply read the texts which appeal to us, we risk missing things that, whilst unattractive, have important things to teach. In this case, maybe that is about the depths of human hatred, and how God insists that we bring our *actual* selves before him, in all their unattractive reality, rather than the carefully sanitised, virtuous version of ourselves.

ANTHEM: My Spirit Longs for Thee

Composer P. Godfrey

My spirit longs for thee
within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be
of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest
unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest
unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee,
in vain I look around;
in all that I can see
no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found
but in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE



SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HALL

7PM

Tables of 8... you can join a table on the night or make up your own team.

Price £15pp includes a 2-course supper.

BYO drink.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

- For those affected by recent disasters in Libya and Morocco
- For the parish of St. Matthew's, Oxhey
- For the Nameless Youth group as it meets
- For the Youth Choir as rehearsals begin again
- For those starting at college and university

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED

Chris Ballard; David Southorn;
Martin Greeves; Sonia; Doreen Wilson;
Ray Wicks;

FOR THE DEPARTED

Lydia Cook; Kenneth Sayell; Martin Telfer;
Patricia Hobbs; Doreen Clarke; Maureen
Rowse; Peter Hunt; Margaret Putman;

NEXT SUNDAY

24th September 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 9.30am Eucharist at St. Lawrence
- 11.30am Eucharist at The Church of the Ascension
- 5.00pm BCP Evening Prayer

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 16: 2 - 15 (P. 64)
Jonah 3: 10 - end of 4 (P. 876)
Philippians 1: 21 - end (P. 194)
Matthew 20: 1 - 16 (P. 20)

AVAILABILITY

Peter is off on Friday.

Helen is off on Sunday 17th and Friday
22nd.

THE COMING WEEK

Monday - Saturday, 9.15am

Morning Prayer

In the Corpus Christi Chapel

Monday 18th September

10.00am Coffee Morning
Breakspear Room

1.45pm Tiny Tots
Breakspear Room

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
St Lawrence Church

Tuesday 19th September

12.40pm Funeral of Patricia Hobbs
West Herts Crematorium

8.00pm Property Committee Meeting
Breakspear Room

Wednesday 20th September

10.00am Funeral of Kenneth Sayell
St Lawrence Church

11.15am Contemplative Prayer
In the Corpus Christi Chapel

12.00pm Eucharist
St Lawrence Church

6.30pm Youth Choir
St Lawrence Church

8.00pm Choir Rehearsal
St Lawrence Church

Thursday 21st September

10.00am Bedmond Bells WI Coffee Morning
The Tin Church

8.00pm Friends and Faith Group
Breakspear Room

Friday 22nd September

10.00am Bedmond Bells Craft and Chat
The Church of the Ascension

2.00pm Craft and Conversation
Breakspear Room

Saturday 23rd September

11.00am Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication
for Callum, Sophie and Lucy Dunderdale
St Lawrence Church

2.00pm Wedding of Alex Horrow-White and
Silvia Colucci
St Lawrence Church

There is no collection during today's service. If you would like to give this morning, please use the contactless giving point at the back of Church, or just leave your gift on the offering plates at the back. Thank you.

Many of our worshippers **support the work of the Parish financially** through regular planned giving. If you don't yet, please do—ideally using the Parish Giving Scheme. It is really easy to do: just visit www.paritygiving.org.uk and search for 'Abbots Langley and Bedmond'. Alternatively, please call 0333 002 1260. For any queries about giving to the parish, please email: giving@abbotslangley.org.uk. Parish Giving Packs can be collected from St Lawrence Church or from the Church Office.

'Bring and Sing': Saturday 30th September 2-5pm at St. Lawrence, followed by an informal concert (free, but ticketed) at 5.30pm. A chance for **everyone** to have some fun and give singing a go: all ages and range of experiences welcome. Contact Marianne Ryall (directorofmusic@abbotslangley.org.uk) for more details.

The Friends and Faith Group (F&F) is once a week on a Thursday at 8.00pm. People will get to know both each other and the Bible a bit better. There'll be good conversation, nice refreshments and the chance to grow in both friendship and faith! Everyone is welcome. Please talk to Peter if you would like to know more, or contact the Church Office adminstlawrence@abbotslangley.org.uk or 01923 261795.

Sadly we have recently heard that Peter Hunt died on 25th August. Peter lived in Abbots Langley until recently. He was a member of our church choir for many years and a member of the Friends of St Lawrence. There will be a service to celebrate his life at St John's Watford 11am on 6th October.

The Church of the Ascension will be holding its **Late Summer Fete on Saturday 23rd September from 1 – 4pm**. Stalls include Raffle, Mystery Bags, Hamper, Tombola, Treasure Hunt & Games, Adopt a Pet, Good Quality Bric a Brac, Books, Homemade Cakes, Home Produce and Handmade Crafts etc. Entrance: £1 includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Car parking behind the Church. Additional parking at Bedmond Village Hall. Looking forward to seeing you.

Given recent events in Libya and Morocco, all payments made today on either the contactless machine or cash donations will go to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC)

Harvest Supper at the Church of the Ascension on Friday 29th September at 7 for 7.30pm. Cost is £7. Places are limited. Sign up sheet back of both Churches. Please book and pay by 26th September (payment in envelope with name and Harvest Supper to the Parish Office). Please bring your own crockery, cutlery, glass, drinks and a poem or piece of writing to share if you wish.

Women of the Old Testament: On 5th October, we will be starting a new daytime bible and fellowship group, who will be looking at some of the women of the Old Testament. Thursdays, 12:30-2pm (bring your lunch!), Breakspear Room.

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***If anyone needs the ministry of a priest at any time, day or night,
please contact Peter directly.***